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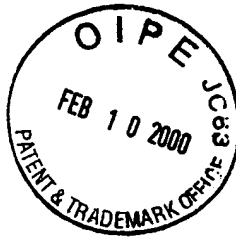
In re the application of:

Y. YAMADA et al.

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For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS



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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 10, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. An audio signal processing apparatus capable of changing the tempo of an input audio signal, said apparatus comprising:
magnification designating means capable of designating a plurality of different magnifications;
means capable of automatically detecting [a BPM (Beats Per Minute)] beats per minute of the input audio signal or a beat period of the input audio signal, changing said [BPM] beats per minute or said beat period in accordance with a magnification [designating] designated by the magnification designating means, and changing the tempo